

October 14, 2011

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**Subject: Willamette Cove Upland Facility
Quarterly Progress Report – July through September 2011
ECSE No. 2066**

Dear Ken:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with a quarterly progress report on behalf of the Port of Portland (Port) and Metro for the Willamette Cove Upland Facility (Facility). This letter satisfies the requirements of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Agreement for Remedial Investigation and Source Control Measures, effective November 4, 2000, which includes the following for the reporting period July through September 2011:

- Actions performed under the VCP Agreement
- Data generated
- Problems experienced and resolution
- Actions scheduled for the next reporting period (October through December 2011)

Actions Performed under the VCP Agreement:

- Submitted a streamlined Work Plan for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road area (dated July 22, 2011).
- Communicated with DEQ regarding the status of DEQ's review of the Work Plan and sampling approach.
- Conducted a site visit with representatives of DEQ and Oregon Department of Health.
- Communicated with DEQ about setting up a meeting to discuss the Conceptual Site Model (CSM) for the site with respect to the PCBs buried 8-feet in beach sediments.
- Communicated with DEQ regarding the type of sampling approach for assessing the extent of dioxin/furans in the former wharf road area.

Data Generated:

- None.

Problems Experienced and Resolution:

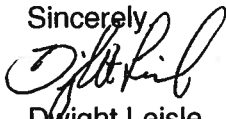
- None.

Actions Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period (July through September 2011):

- Meet with DEQ to discuss the work plan for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road; confirm the shared understanding that the PCBs in the inner cove area are not an upland source control issue but rather should be referred to EPA as part of the in-water remedy; and establish the path forward for completing the risk assessment.
- Implement the streamlined Work Plan for further characterization of dioxin/furans in the former Wharf Road area upon approval by DEQ.
- Begin preparation of the *Source Control Evaluation Report*.

Please call me at (503) 415-6676 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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